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SUBJECT: SKYLAB AND FRENCH NUCLEAR TESTS

REF: A. PARIS 13280

B. STATE 086338

C. PARIS 11 526

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1. ON MAY 15, SUBSEQUENT REFTEL A, ALLINE CONTACTED EMBASSY TO REPLY TO REFTEL B REQUEST FOR FURTHER INDICATION OF FRENCH TEST DATES. HE STATED GOF HAS NOTED U. S. REQUEST FOR MORE PRECISE INDICATION OF FRENCH TEST PERIOD IN ORDER PERMIT U. S. TO COMPUTE AND PROVIDE SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION (BLOCK TIMES) FOR THE SKYLAB FLIGHT. ALLINE SAID GOF HOPES U. S. WILL CONTINUE PROVIDE SKYLAB DATA REQUESTED EARLIER (LAUNCH DATES AND TIMES, PREDICTED ORBITAL PARAMETERS AND ACTUAL ORBITAL PARAMETERS AFTER LAUNCH) AND WILL PROVIDE THE U. S. WITH FURTHER INFORMATION IF THAT SEEMS DESIRABLE.

2. ALLINE THEN MADE A NEW REQUEST. NOTING THAT NASA PUBLICATIONS PROVIDED PARA. 5, REFTEL C STATE THAT SECOND CREW WILL NOT BOARD SKYLAB UNTIL 80 DAYS FOLLOWING DEPARTURE OF FIRST CREW, ALLINE REQUEST GOF BE NOTIFIED OF ANY CHANGES IN DATE FOR LAUNCH OF SECOND CREW.

3. COMMENT: ALLINE RESPONSE CAREFULLY SIDESTEPS ANY REVELATION
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DATES FRENCH TESTS. IN VIEW CNES LONG EXPERIENCE IN TRACKING
SATELLITES AND COMPUTING EARTH SATELLITE ORBITS, CNES TECHNICIANS
MAY FEEL BLOCK TIMES WOULD ADD LITTLE TO ORBITAL INFORMATION
BEING PROVIDED.
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